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When the lilting notes of the bugles yesterday morning called the artillerymen of the regular service and the men of the First Company of the State's Coast Artillery from their tents in the camp behind the batteries of Fort Howard, the "war" began anew. It will last until September 14, throughout which the fort will defend Baltimore against an imaginary fleet.

At the 12-inch gun battery the Fortieth Company and the Maryland artillerymen were manning the big disappearing guns and preparing to get into the harmless fray. Up in the range tower the horizon was scanned for the smoke of the "enemy." The gun sections "loaded" their guns, tripped the big masses of iron into battery and waited.

Finally the "enemy" came. It was the Ericsson Line steamer Lord Baltimore, bound on her peaceful way from this port to Philadelphia. On her decks passengers gazed idly at the fort and at the tree-screened batteries. They didn't know that behind those earth embankments, covered with tall grass and bushes, that men were aiming big guns at the boat.

The Lord Baltimore was hailed as an armored cruiser, and with her two funnels she did resemble the part a little. Down from the range towers the range was called to the men in the emplacements, the gunners sitting beside the breeches of the guns twisted small wheels and the tons of iron at their command moved easily the way the gunners intended and the "battle" was on.

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